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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 15, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group IV namely, claims 12 and 13 which are drawn to a method for qualitative or quantitative determination of DNA classified in class 536 and subclass 23.1+.

This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicants filing divisional applications to the non-elected groups of claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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